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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Each of us may have our own opinion as to that, but there the fact remains that the Government have not been able to come to a decision in the matter yet."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know with reference to the answer to clause (*d*), whether the memorandum submitted is a joint one of both the Reserved and Transferred side ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The answer given is 'No'. There is only one memorandum."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The answer given with regard to the question whether the Reserved side and the Transferred side have presented separate memoranda is 'No'. Does it mean that only one memorandum was submitted—that jointly by the Reserved and Transferred Halves ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" One memorandum was submitted by the Government as a whole."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the Transferred Half has taken any part in preparing that memorandum ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" They are parties to the whole thing. Who actually prepared the memorandum is another matter."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, in view of the fact that the memorandum is believed to have appeared word for word in the *Hindu*, the reason why the Government is still considering this matter of placing it on the table of this House ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am very sorry I am not in a position to add to what is already on the paper."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With regard to the answer to clause (*c*), may I know whether it is not a fact that on the position of Ministers under the new Provincial Autonomous Government the opinion of the Chief Minister differed fundamentally from that of the hon. the Leader of the House and whether it is not a matter on which there has been dissension between the Reserved and the Transferred Halves ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not that I am aware of."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Leader of the House whether he will be pleased to say whether the memorandum published in the *Hindu* is a correct copy of the memorandum presented to the Commission ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have not read it, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the memorandum has not been compared by any officer of the Secretariat with the *Hindu* ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not that I am aware of; not under my instructions."

Government memorandum to the Simon Commission.

* 1718 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table the report or recommendations of this Government to the Simon Commission on the question of reforms ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1717.

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether there was any Indian witness, and may I know whether there was any design or was it by mere accident that, of the eight witnesses who appeared before the Commission, seven happened to be Europeans, and two of them represent the Police of Madras? Is it because the Government considered that the Police is the most important function of the Government and that Europeans alone can give evidence as regards the future Reforms of the province ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir. These are the departmental heads which the Commission wanted to hear and it is not the case that the Government selected them."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the hon. Ministers were not examined ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know, in view of the fact that the hon. Ministers have taken part in the preparation of the memorandum and also that under the constitution they are responsible to the Legislature, whether it will not be possible for Government to lay the memorandum on the table of this House ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I hope it will be, Sir. As I said, the matter is still under consideration."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the hon. the Leader of the House was authorized by the hon. Ministers also to represent them when he gave evidence ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I did not give any evidence, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" When the memorandum was presented to Government, was it not the Leader of the House that submitted it to the Commission on behalf of the Government ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir ; it was sent by the Chief Secretary in the ordinary way. "

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I am asking whether the Ministers are also parties to that and authorized it to be sent by the Chief Secretary ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir. "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member was subjected to a long cross-examination by the Simon Commission, which I am told he stood very well ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir. All the Members of Government had a very interesting conversation with the Members of the Commission."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Is the memorandum a confidential one, Sir ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It was supposed to be. Evidently somebody has been guilty of breach of faith which he may reconcile with his own conscience."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what the nature of this amiable conversation was ? Was it about the weather or about the police arrangements in connexion with the Simon Commission's visit or the Revenue Member's appearance ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It was on the subjects on which the Commissioners required information."

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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I take it that all the seven Members of the Treasury Bench were present at the time of this interesting conversation ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, certainly."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Did all of them take part in it ? "

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir, whenever they were disposed to. "

Mr. Sami VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know his impressions of the evidence and the questions put to him ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" As I said, I did not give any evidence. "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know how long the conversation lasted ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" A very long time, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether any record of the conversation is kept ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not so far as I am aware of, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether any shorthand writers were present during that time ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I did not see any, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Were there any official shorthand writers present ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I did not see them either."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" In view of the onerous work which the Provincial Committee is supposed to be doing—for which they are to be given Rs. 50 a day—may I know if they put any questions or took part in the conversation at all ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, Sir, we had an interesting conversation with those gentlemen also."

[*Note.*—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Under sub-rule (2) of Rule 29 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to fix four hours as the maximum for the discussion of the following demands :—

Land Revenue	... ...	Demand I,
Education (Transferred)	.. ...	Demand XX, and
Civil Works (Transferred)...	...	Demand XXXI,

and two hours as the maximum for motions affecting each of the other demands.

" Hon. Members will kindly remember that under Rule 29 (3) it will be my duty at 5 p.m., on the 27th to put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matters in connexion with the demands for grants."